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Our food packaging event brought together over 200 volunteers to package 50,000 meals to stock the food pantries of the Geauga Hunger Task Force.

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Our new partners, Stateside Underwriting - Chagrin Falls, employee team volunteered for a DAY OF ACTION at the Chagrin Falls Geauga County Senior Center. They served breakfast, led social activities and played chair volleyball with the area seniors.
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- Care for Children: ECC Clinic for Special Needs Children, Camp Sue Osborn
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- Support students in grades K-3
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- Increase access to transportation
- Increase access to existing affordable housing
- Risk reduction and chronic disease prevention
- Behavioral disease prevention and treatment

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**Here is a United Way funded program and where it helped:**

**Lorraine** was able to stay in her home safely because of the reduced-cost home modifications provided via a referral from the ADRC.

**Here is a United Way volunteer story:**

**Crystal** was able to pass her third grade reading exam because of the extra reading help provided by her tutor.

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**Brad** was able to receive counseling and job training which helped him find a job that could support his family.

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